

Minutes of Longthorpe Lawn Tennis Club Annual General Meeting on Thursday 9th November 2023, 7.30 pm at the Village Hall

Present: Jason Burgess(JB) Toni Butcher(TB) Keith Madeiros(KM) Martin Trayford(MT)
Shirley Short(SS) Anjie Axe(AA) Vicky Axe(VA) Toby Eldred Harvey Adcock
Clare Major Sheila Coolbear Jill Buxton Liz Sharman Denise McGlinchey
Sheila Smith Paul Stevenette Dave Howarth Steve Davies Alison Hurford
David Owen Robert Wilkinson Ajwad Jabbar Sarah Hearn Julian Dowse
Bob Green Graham Ellison Sylvia Murray Gordon Porter Usman Ali
Jane Wheble Toni M.Ray Patcharee Shareewan

1. Welcome and apologies – JB welcomed all members. Apologies were sent from Ken Wappat(KW), Margaret Wappat, Ruth Swann, Alan Swann, Sue Roberts, Kate Ashby, Miranda Dale, Linda Guise, Caroline Worth.

2. Minutes of the last AGM held 27th October 2022 – Accepted as correct, Proposed by Gordon Porter, seconded by Alison Hurford. Signed off by JB

3. Matters arising not covered in agenda – JB - None

4. Chairman's Report -JB announced that it has been a successful year for the club with stable membership numbers, financial stability, good financial reserves, and well maintained courts, thanks to Paulo who has worked hard on them. The Ball machine has been a welcome addition and is well used. There has been a coaching review with I2C who will continue to provide coaching services.

He thanked Harvey Adcock, Anthony Andrews, and Sarah Hearn for volunteering to join the committee, as well as Ken Wappat and Shirley Short who are both resigning, for services rendered to date. A special thanks to Ken for over 45 years service. He will continue on as advisor to his replacement and the committee. Thanks was also accorded to Club and team captains, team players, Kevin Tighe, David Forth and Harry Clarke and a Special thanks for their work with the children, Steve Mitchum for managing the balls and recycling them, Caroline Worth for the tea and cake rota. A special thanks to Patcharee for sponsoring the club and her generosity in social events. He encouraged members to sponsor or promote sponsoring the club to other businesses.

He thanked all members for their contributions to the club and welcome new ideas. He reiterated that the committee are all volunteers who work to run a good, friendly, functioning club for all its members.

5. Treasurer's Report – TB thanked KM for the fund raising from the various social events he organised, creating funds which cumulatively, together with the Tea money has paid for our tennis balls. Fund raising and membership of around £7000 will boost the savings towards the renewal cost of the courts in the future. In view of the good financial situation, there will be NO increase in

membership fees for next year. The summary of the accounts were accepted.
Proposer- Gordon Porter, seconded-Sheila Smith.

6. Membership Secretary's Report – VA informed that our total membership this year is 187 members made up of Adults = 93 Seniors= 29, Juniors = 21, Minis = 44 Inspire, a charity, has provided 6 family membership to under privileged families. Each family membership allows for 2 adults & 2 children. We were allocated money for 6 families totalling £1920. The uptake has been variable. VA is trying to encourage the ones who have not taken up the offer to do so.

7. Juniors & Welfare Report – AA reported that Junior numbers continue to improve. David Forth is coaching 19 children in 3 sessions on a Wednesday after school, whilst Kevin Tighe has 23 players in 4 sessions on a Saturday from 9.00-13.00h. We have managed to run our 3 free tennis parties each year and have just had a successful Halloween session at the end of half term.

We entered the U.14 Pathway to Wimbledon and George Whitwell went on to represent the club in the Area Finals. This year the LTA extended this competition to include adults. Hannah, Vicky, Ben and JP won the club competition and played on grass courts at Cromer in the area finals. Vicky and Hannah were runners up and JP and Ben came in third.

We ran the Club Junior Championship last weekend and it was good to see so many in 3 age groups : 9 and under, 12 and under and U.14s. Our grateful thanks to Kevin and David for preparing the children so well for the event.

We currently have 3 juniors who have been given Junior/Senior status and invited to join our club sessions.

8. Coaching – AA informed that we now have a level 4 coach, Claire Norman, but only from 6.30pm on a Tuesday, once a month. Dave Forth and Kevin Tighe are available as coaches for individuals, family and group coaching. I2C are also looking to put on group coaching for improvers. Max runs the Cardio tennis on Fridays 10-.00 but sadly this can only happen if 5 or more sign up. Recently this hasn't happen so, it had to be cancelled

9. League report – RS' report:

It's been a season of mixed fortunes for our teams. However, in spite of a number of injuries and unavailability, all fixtures were fulfilled and I thank all those captains whose efforts and commitment enabled this to happen.

Results:

Mixed Div 2: Longthorpe A – 4th, B - 6th

Div 3: Longthorpe C - finished bottom on game difference so likely to be relegated to Div 4

Div 5: Longthorpe D - 5th

Ladies Div 2: A team - 1st- champions! B team - 6th

Div 3: C team - 4th

Div 5: D team - 4th

Men's Div 2: A team - 4th

B team - 6th

Div 3 C team- 6th

Div 4 D team- 7th

I would particularly like to congratulate the Ladies A team on their performance, due in no small part to their commitment and availability and especially with me being sidelined for the majority of matches! Next season will be tough but we will embrace the challenge!

Finally, my thanks to Martin and Vicky for organising 2 teams in the Sunday winter league. If you're keen to play and haven't yet registered your interest, please speak to one of them. And I hope to join you after Xmas

MT informed that the Winter League has just started, 2 games having been played and more to come. He noted that on the LTA Club of the year, we were listed as 44% on our achievement, up 1% from 2022. Our Ladies were at 61%, Men's at 35%. Ladies A team won 100% of their games, but B team were relegated. He queried the viability of managing 4 Men's team for next season but acknowledged that that gives more members the opportunity to participate in playing matches. We need to cast the net wider for more members to join the teams by informing them e.g via WhatsApp, emails or information on the board in the club house.

10. Social Secretary' Report – – KM thanked everyone for their support by participating in the club social events. These are aimed at entertaining members and creating fun and bon hommie rather than just fund raising. The cumulative surplus from fund raising has improved our financial viability for future court renewals. The next social event is the Christmas Dinner on 6th December at East, followed by Christmas Raffle on 16th December, at the club.

11. Election of officers and committee members – JB informed that all the current committee members, except KW and SS, have agreed to remain on the committee. Proposer for accepting them was Gordon Porter, seconder-Dave Howarth. Harvey Adcock, Anthony Adams and Sarah Hearn were voted in as new committee members. Proposer- Gordon Porter, seconder, Gill Buxton.

12. A.O.B

- Investigation of lights for courts 1&2- JB informed that the committee had started investigating the possibility of using non permanent lighting for courts 1&2 including inviting the neighbours to a demonstration of the lights in the summer. An open meeting with the Village Hall committee was arranged but has been postponed due to ill health of the chairman.

Dave Howarth confirmed that he and VA had produced a Project proposal for review following the portable light demonstration, to address concerns raised during and post demonstration. JB/DH agreed that a Certificate of Lawfulness will be discussed at a later LLTC meeting. JB stated that there was clearly a lot of detail to be worked and he would like a separate meeting set up to discuss prior to the Village Hall meeting.

- Cleaning of bird excrement on benches and courts 1&2- Agreed that this should be carried out.

- **Signing in visitors in Visitors Book**- JB informed that this is essential as it affects our insurance liability. All guest must be signed in. A new book will be introduced.

****Gordon Porter thanked the committee** for their hard work throughout the year!

Date of next committee meeting - 28th February 2024, 7pm at the Clubhouse.

SUMMARY OF LTC ACCOUNTS 2022/23

INCOME

Business Reward

Go Cardless	1,228.01
Stripe	14,957.55
Inspire	1,940.00
Interest	416.85
Ball Recycle	37.50
Membership	160.00
Club Championship	12.00
Key	4.00
Misc.	40.00
Total	18,795.91

Income Community Account

Club Championships	288.00
Inspire	18.00
Light Tokens	360.00
Tea Money	852.65
Social Fundraising	1,560.00
Bowls Club	53.33
Membership	590.00
Misc.	40.00
Total	3,761.98

Total Income 22,557.89

EXPENSES

Longthorpe Hall	1,454.75
Electricity	638.45
Insurance	1,078.94
LTA	480.00
Court Upkeep	1,231.30
Website	194.98
Trophies	392.63
Tennis Balls	742.98
Keys, Locks and signs	425.36
Social Expenses	907.64
Water Cooler Service	90.00
Refunds	40.00
Cleaning Wages	986.23
Clubhouse Purchases	200.65
Coaching	100.00
Leagues	176.00
Water Chiller	438.00
Squeegee Courts	103.15
Ball Machine	1,968.00
Light Demo	106.80
Other	70.67
Total	11,826.53

Total Expenses 11,826.53

Balance Sheet

Community A/C

Business Reward

Opening Balance	3,519.87	61,094.39
Income 2022/23	3,761.98	18,795.91
Expenses 2022/23	-11,826.53	
Transfer	5,000.00	-5,000.00
Petty Cash	0	-
Closing Balance Sept 2022	455.32	74,890.30